

# Biden to speak on busing issue

Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., will address the Gordy Estates Civic Association on the busing issue.

Biden's office and the civic association president, Dolores Rash, agreed yesterday to hold the meeting July 9, the date Biden suggested.

The meeting will be held at the Krebs School in Newport. The starting time will depend on Biden's schedule, his office said.

One obstacle to the July 9 meeting was removed yesterday when Sandra Krett quit the race to become a delegate from the 18th representative district to the Democratic state convention.

Kenneth Jones, who will have a seat at the Democratic state convention, yesterday said he will introduce a resolution at the convention supporting state and federal

constitutional amendments to halt involuntary busing for desegregation purposes.

A key reason the civic association wants Biden to speak on the busing issue is because Biden voted against a Senate antibusing amendment last month. The measure was defeated, 47-46.

John Trager, Neighborhood School Association coordinator, said the association is setting up a "47-46 Committee" to monitor future Biden votes on the busing question. "We're going to hound Biden for the next 4 years if he doesn't vote our position," Trager said.

Biden's position has been that he doesn't support busing strictly to achieve racial balance but opposes a constitutional amendment to eliminate busing as a school desegregation tool.